

AESG-DCO (60-10A)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AAFES/DeCA Council Meeting, 13 June 2000

1. The meeting was called to order at 0900 by LTC Frankie N. Thibodeau, Deputy Commander, 6th ASG. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The following were in attendance: Warren Field, PAO, Herman Hurd, ACS, MAJ Adolph Maren, IG, COL Buffington, EUCom, Diane Doyle, NCEUR, CMD Dan Darling, Quality of Life Advisor, Ellen Lenforte, AAFES (new Burger King Manager), Phil Tinsley, AAFES, representatives from DeCA, Betsy Young, OCWC, and LTCMD Roger Cowan.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Theater Cleaning (OPEN)

Discussion: Deferred until next meeting.

b. New Shoppette/Gas Station (OPEN)

Discussion: The new shoppette/gas station is scheduled to be completed by 15 July 00 with a Grand Opening date of 15 August 00. The shoppette/gas station will be operational 24-hours.

Most of the work that is now being completed is on the inside, therefore, not visible to the eye. The contractor has stated that the outside will not take long to complete.

It was noted that once the shoppette/gas station is up and operational MWR will not be losing approximately one-half million dollars as in the past due to gas purchases off base, therefore this money can be filter back into the community.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There was also discussion on what is to be done with the old shoppette area. Mr. Tinsley, AAFES, stated there is a plan in the near future to move the now existing linen store into the old shoppette area and expand it with more merchandise to include housewares.

Also it was noted that AAFES had an exceptionally good Memorial Day sale. Another sales of the same nature will be coming up on the 4th of July.

School supplies are expected to be in and out in the various places around 15 July 00.

In the near future the Book Mart will be remodeled to include a Coffee Shop like the one in Heidelberg, Ramstein and other areas in Germany.

The rental car company, which was located on Patch Barracks, has now been relocated to Kelley across from the gas station. The move up to this date has been a success with the

gas station across the street increasing its gas purchases along with having to order more car accessories and snacks for those long trips.

It was further noted that with the new hotel coming soon this would also increase rentals and gas, snack purchases.

There is a plan to have a Contractor come in and operate a restaurant out of the Kelley Club as soon as the hotel is completed.

Mr. Bruno Ortiz of DeCA thanked everyone for attending the VIP Pasta Nite. The Pasta Cafe continues to be a success.

Diane Doyle, NCEUR, asked if a counter could be installed where you could stand up and eat in addition to the tables. Mr. Ortiz said that he would look into the matter, but at this time there are no plans for one.

To make life easier for one to place carry out orders, the menu and order forms are now on the 6th ASG Web site <http://www.stuttgart.army.mil/deca/pcommis.htm> (commissary homepage).

Question was also raised about the freezers at Robinson Barracks CX. General Canavan has personally taken this on. The freezers have now been ordered and should be installed sometime in November 00.

Several comments were made on the improvements at the CX. Rochelle Tolentino, the new store manager, has and continues to make great strides in improving the store. She has begun organizing the merchandise in each department, incorporating new items along with the old. Merchandise is now centralized. Kudos for Ms Tolentino.

Warren Field talked about the upcoming Citizen article "Exchange to Hide Credit Card Numbers". This is a great concern to customers, not only in Europe, but in the states also. There is great exposure to personal information on checks, i.e., social security card numbers, phone #'s, and the printing of credit card numbers on receipts. Customers feel that this is an open invitation to credit card fraud. AAFES has recognized this as an issue and is preparing to implement software modifications and revisions within its retail system that will allow the suppression of all but four digits of the customer's credit card number printed on the sales receipt. This new system is currently being tested by AAFES.

Colonel Buffington brought forth the question "Why is RB getting "B" movies and Patch getting the "A" movies? This is a problem and is being looked into and will be discussed by AAFES at the next meeting.

He also asked if the "Chicken Man" was leaving? This problem is also being worked, however, there are no plans for him not to continue to do business on Patch and Kelley at this time. An update will be given at next meeting.

COL Buffington also stated that several residents of the community want to know why the adult magazines cannot be placed on a higher shelf so that children or young adults

could not have access to them. Mr. Tinsley will address this problem and magazines will be placed on higher shelving.

Last but not least, Propane tanks - cannot be shipped. What do you do with them? This issue is also being worked and will be addressed at the next meeting, but as of this point - AAFES is not prepared to buy them back. They are looking at maybe having a drop off point for disposal. Issue will be discussed at next meeting.

Herman Hurd, ACS wanted to let everyone know that they are welcome to attend a Gospel Show at the Chapel on 23 Jun 00 from 1900-2200.

4. The next meeting will be 11 July 00, 0900, Patch Community Club.

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